HEAD LIGHTS

by

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FOREWORD

Primarily this ancestral record was compiled and written for the living members of my branch of the Head family and their descendants, so that they might know something of their ancestry and heritage. Although I had many old letters written to John L. Head, my great grandfather, and various old documents which have been handed down in the family, it was not until 1955 that I became actively interested in tracing my ancestry. This interest grew when, through the kindness of Mr. John Harris Watts, I became affiliated with the "Head Hunters," who have a common goal and pool their findings. After considerable genealogical research and study, I finally decided I had material sufficient in scope and interest for distribution among my family and some of the "Head Hunters."

The information contained in this Record has been obtained from various sources, as follows:

1. Old family letters, particularly letters written to John L. Head, my great grandfather, of Creagerstown, Md., who died in 1838, and correspondence of Hon. John L. Head who died in 1925.

2. Old deeds, wills, agreements and other legal documents, of record in various counties in Maryland.

3. Tombstones in old cemeteries in Frederick County, Md., and Westmoreland County, Pa., particularly the Mountain Cemetery in Emmitsburg, Md., and St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Frederick, Md.

4. Records of Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md., and St. Anthony's Shrine located nearby.

5. Family tradition.

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To those named, and all others whose aid reached me indirectly, sincere thanks. And I heartily echo Tiny Tim's "God Bless Us, Everyone."

Eleanor Head Lynch

INTRODUCTION

Origin of Name

The name Head, anciently written Hede or Hide, is taken from the place called Hede or Hide in the Doomsday Book 1066. That place, now known as Hithe, in the County of Kent, England, is where the earliest trace of the Head family is found. The surname is from the Anglo-Saxon "Hithe", meaning a harbor or shelter for boats. ("A Directory of Ancestral Heads of New England Families")

According to one theory the name was first applied by referring to a family living in the head of a valley or stream as the head family, and later the Heads.

The family of Head is of remote antiquity in County Kent, England, and like many English surnames derived its origin from the place where the family lived. In this instance the spelling of the name was formerly De Hethe, signifying the family originated in the famous Cinque Port of Hythe, which at that time was spelled Hethe. From De Hethe it was an easy transition to De Hede and dropping the prefix "De" left Hede to be transformed to Head by the 15th Century. ("The Family of Head and Somerville" by J. Cameron Head, published 1917 in England - copy in Congressional Library, Washington, D. C.) Bardsley under "Head" in his latest edition of English and Welsh surnames mentioned Thomas del Heved, County Nottingham, England, 1273.

Head Coat of Arms

ARMS Argent; a chevron Ermine between Unicorn's heads, couped Sable.
CREST A Unicorn head couped, Sable.
MOTTO "Study - Quiet" (Argent - white or silver signifies peace and sincerity.)

It is interesting to note that in County Kent, England, the earliest trace of the Head family is found. So also in America it is in Kent County, Maryland, that we find the name William Head at an early date.

Kent County, an original county across the Chesapeake, was formed in 1642. In 1662 Talbot County was formed out of Kent, and in 1706 Queen Anne's County was formed out of Talbot. Cecil County was taken from Kent in 1674. Hence, it is possible for the Heads living on the eastern shore to have had their place of residence, according to the records, changed from one County to another as the years passed when they actually lived in the same geographical location all the time.

Early American Heads

The name Head is found in America as early as 1614 in what is now New Castle Island, Portsmouth, N. H.

However, the earliest record of a William Head in this country appears to be an item in the Colonial Records of Virginia 1874, Page 64 (Senate Document), wherein it is stated he was one of the "Victims of Indian massacres at Powle Brooks, Va., March 22, 1622." Probably he was a colonist. Whether he was married and left children is not known.

Some years later the name William Head appears in the records of various counties in Maryland - During the period 1658-1663 in Charles County; St. Mary's County (cooper) in 1660; and Calvert County in 1660 and 1668. In 1675 he witnessed the will of John Anderson there and signed his mark. Since these Counties were contiguous, it is likely these William Heads were one and the same person. In 1658 one William Head gave his age as 32 - thus he would have been born in 1626.

William Head, of St. Mary's County, Md., just across the river from Westmoreland County, Va., may have been the Westmoreland William Head named as one of the leaders of Bacon's Rebellion (1677), who seemed to be the only leader who did not turn State's evidence and beg for mercy. However, he is not listed among those shown as imprisoned or hung. This Rebellion instigated by influential Marylanders was something of a forerunner of the American Revolution a century later and concerned taxation.

More than once it has been suggested that in 1665 Morgan Williams (of Kent County, Md.) produced the will of William Head (thought to be of the same County) for probate. This reference appears in the McPherson Collection of Head notes, the Eckhardt Collection in the Institute of American Genealogy in Chicago, Ill., and the Monet Genealogical Publications, Vol. ___, p. 344. The citation given is Liber 1, Book F, Folio 6, under date of October 28, 1665. Hacker manuscripts contain practically the same material.

I gratefully acknowledge permission to use material from the following:

"Head Lines and Lineages," by Robert Rolland Smith and Robert T.C. Head
"Some Maryland Heads," by John Harris Watts
"Descent of Henry Head 1695-1770 in America," by Idress Head Alvord
Records from Glenn Lloyd Head
Records from Robert H. Head

William Head, of Kent County, Maryland, served as Commissioner of Justice for Kent County under appointment by Governor Calvert 1667-1669, along with Morgan Williams and others - sitting in Court in that County on various occasions between January 28, 1667 and November 18, 1671, the last at "Court held in the home of William Head on the Northeastern part of Kent Island." (Archives of Maryland, Vol. LIV, page 237, etc.)

It is evident from contemporary records in Maryland Archives that he was a man of prominence and standing in the community and was well known to the Governors and other members of the Government. There is a definite record he was living in Kent County, Maryland, in 1665. This is established by the fact that he acted as administrator for the estate of Henry Carline, October 28, 1665, as evidenced by testamentary proceedings 1-F, Folio 7 of that volume, Annapolis, Maryland. By 1668 he was married to Isabella Carline, widow of Henry Carline. After the death of Isabella, William married the widow, Elizabeth Cashey, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Coppage, she being the daughter of Edward Coppage.

In his Will dated June 16, 1674 (copy of which follows) he mentions his wife Elizabeth, his daughter Jean, and his son William, who are each to receive a one-third share of his residuary estate. To his son he also bequeathed a seal ring and other personal property. Although Elizabeth, his wife, was appointed Executrix of his estate, WILLIAM HEAD placed his children in the custody of the Commissioners of Kent County, Md., giving rise to the inference she was not their mother. He, also, mentioned his "son-in-law Edward F. Cashey," which term may be interpreted to mean "Step-son".

Although it is not contended that WILLIAM HEAD (II) of Prince Georges County, Md. (from whom descent is claimed and who is the subject of a Sketch) was a son or grandson, in the direct male line, of WILLIAM HEAD, Commissioner of Kent County, Md., who died in 1674, it seems to be the concensus of opinion among geneaologists that the children of the said WILLIAM HEAD (II) and ANN (BIGGER) HEAD, his wife, were descended through a distaff line from WILLIAM HEAD Commissioner of Kent County. However, it would appear there is no basis for assuming this other than tradition.

Genealogists are not in agreement as to the parentage of WILLIAM HEAD (II), who married ANN (BIGGER). Some contend he was the son of WILLIAM HEAD (I), a nephew of WILLIAM HEAD, Commissioner of Kent County, and ANN TRUELOCK, who later married James

Rumzey from whom she inherited "LANDOVER"; while others hold he was the son of WILLIAM HEAD (I), aforesaid, and ANN KENDALL HEAD, a descendant of WILLIAM HEAD, Commissioner.

This latter theory seems to have considerable merit, inasmuch as the records verify it in some respects.

In the Will of Col. John Bigger of Calvert County, Md., dated December 12, 1713 and proven November 18, 1714, it is plainly stated that his "present wife" Ann was the mother of WILLIAM HEAD (II), who married ANN (BIGGER), thus establishing the fact that she had been previously married to one named "HEAD", whom it is reasonable to suppose was the WILLIAM HEAD (I) referred to above. It may, also, be assumed that Col. Bigger was previously married since he refers to "ANN" as his "present wife".

This being so and in view of the fact that Col. Bigger bequeaths a large part of his estate (both real and personal) to the children of WILLIAM HEAD (II) and ANN, his wife, then living, viz: KENDALL, BIGGER, MARY, ANN, KATHERINE and JOHN (CHARITY and WILLIAM being born after the death of Col. Bigger), and that KENDALL and BIGGER received the lion's share, including a tract called "LANDOVER", which James Rumzey of Calvert County, Md., by his will dated May 2, 1685 and proven August 19, 1688 in Calvert County, Md., (John Bigger being an attesting witness) bequeathed to "his wife ANN and heirs" - ANN being assumed to be the sister of Henry Truelock, who, in his Will dated April 28, 1677 (which ANN RUMZEY witnessed) and proven February 9, 1678, names his "brother James Rumzey" as Executor, which term may be interpreted to-day to mean "brother-in-law" - it is assumed

(1) That ANN TRUELOCK RUMZEY, widow, married Col. John Bigger and that ANN (BIGGER), the wife of WILLIAM HEAD (II), was their daughter;

(2) That ANN TRUELOCK RUMZEY BIGGER died and at her death the estate known as "LANDOVER" passed into the hands of Col. John Bigger, her husband, who, in turn, gave the same to BIGGER HEAD and KENDALL HEAD, the two eldest sons of WILLIAM HEAD (II) and ANN (BIGGER) HEAD, his wife.

Since Col. Bigger apparently acquired "LANDOVER" by inheritance from his deceased wife, ANN TRUELOCK RUMZEY BIGGER (no conveyance can be found of record for the same), it is reasonable to suppose the Colonel's widow was in fact ANN KENDALL HEAD BIGGER,

who was the mother of WILLIAM HEAD (II). In corroboration of this is the statement of Roger Thomas, Senior Archivist, Annapolis, Md., as contained in a letter dated September 14, 1956, as follows: - "I do not see any evidence for believing that ANN TRUELOCK married WILLIAM HEAD, though we have evidence that she was married to James Rumzey and later to Col. John Bigger."

The presumption that the mother of WILLIAM HEAD (II) was originally ANN KENDALL is further evidenced by the fact that (after the death of her husband, Col. Bigger) she signed an instrument, enrolled July 19, 1715 in Prince Georges County, (conveying certain properties to her son, WILLIAM HEAD (II) and ANN, his wife,) "ANN her K mark BIGGER, indicating perhaps that her maiden name was ANN KENDALL.

Certainly there is some significance in the fact that WILLIAM HEAD (II) and ANN (BIGGER) his wife, named their first born son "KENDALL". It has been suggested that he was so named because it was his paternal grandmother's family name. (Be that as it may, it is certainly obvious it was in fact a family name.) The second son was named "BIGGER", which gives rise to the inference in itself that his mother's maiden name was "BIGGER". (But, again, in any event it is obvious that this, too, was a family name.)

In conclusion, it should be stated that while the father of WILLIAM HEAD (II) died young, his mother lived to a reasonably old age. It is a matter of record that after the death of Col. Bigger she married Patrick Andrew in Christ Church (Calvert County) June 30, 1715 and that she died in 1727.

COPY OF WILL OF WILLIAM HEAD OF KENT COUNTY, MD.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, I WILLIAM HEAD of the County of Kent in the Province of Maryland being sick and weak in Body but of sound and perfect memory (God be praised) Do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following, That is to Say First I bequeath my Soul into the hands of Allmightie God, trusting to receive Redemption of my Sins in and through the meritorious Blood of Jesus Christ my Redeemer, and next my Body to the Earth from whence it was taken, to Receive a Christian Buriall according to the Discrecon

of my Exec'x. hereafter mentioned and for my Temporall Estate after my Just Debts be paid I give and bequeath as hereafter followeth:

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Son William Head my Seal Ring and my Gray Gelding My Cuttlash and my Gunn;

Item I give unto my Son in Law Edward F Cashey one Cow Calfe to be Delivered to his use within one year and a day after my Decease with all her female increase untill he Come of age.

Item For the Residue which shall Remain (my Debts paid as above said) of my Temporall Estate my Will and Desire is that it be Equally Divided into Three parts, the One Part unto my Son William above named and one other part unto my Daughter Jean Head and the other part thereof unto my Loving Wife Elizabeth whom I also make Sole Exec'x. of this my Last Will. And further my Will is that the Commissioners of the County Court shall have the Disposall of my two Children above named with their parts of my Estate which Shall belong until them, until my Son William Head Come to the age of One and Twenty years and that then he have his Sisters part also delivered into his hand, to be paid her Either at her day of marriage or age of one and Twenty year which shall first happen.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seal this 16th day of June Anno. Domini One Thousand Six Hundred Seventy and four.

Signed and Sealed in the presence of us — William Head — Sealed

Christopher Goodhan
Disboro Bennett

And on the back of the said Will was thus Written, viz:

By Virtue of a Commission from the Hon'ble the Chancellor-Chief Judge for Probate of Wills and Granting of Adm. to me Directed to prove the Will within Specified which accordingly was done the 29th of Oct. 1674 by Christopher Goodhand one of the Witnesses and Disboro Bennett the other as witness my hand this Second day of Nov. 1674.

William Lawrence — Signum

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WILLIAM HEAD (II)
(167_ -1719)

The date and place of birth of WILLIAM HEAD (II) is not known, although the records seem to indicate he was born in Calvert County or Prince Georges County, Maryland about 1675. As fully recited heretofore in the "INTRODUCTION", to which reference is herein made, the Will of Col. John Bigger of Calvert County aforesaid, dated December 12, 1713 (Codicil thereto being dated October 14, 1714) and duly proven November 18, 1714, definitely establishes the fact that his wife, ANN, was the mother of WILLIAM HEAD (II) by a previous marriage but it is only through tradition which is verified to some extent by the records, that it may be assumed his father was WILLIAM HEAD (I) and that his mother's maiden name was ANN KENDALL.

While there is apparently nothing of record to substantiate the fact that WILLIAM HEAD (I) was the father of WILLIAM HEAD (II), as recited in the "INTRODUCTION", an Account filed in Prince Georges County, Md., by Patrick Andrew, surviving spouse of ANN (KENDALL) HEAD BIGGER ANDREW, (who was the widow of Col. John Bigger) contains the item "Pd. Wm. Head millstones as a legacy left him by his father 27/3/0." Presumably "his father" was WILLIAM HEAD (I).

The Will of Col. Bigger also establishes the fact that as early as 1714, when the Will was proven, WILLIAM HEAD (II) and his wife ANN were living in Prince Georges County, Md. and were the parents of six children, viz: KENDALL, BIGGER, MARY, ANN, KATHERINE and JOHN, who were bequeathed the bulk of his estate, both real and personal - the two eldest sons, KENDALL and BIGGER receiving the lion's share, which included a tract of land called "LANDOVER". In view of the fact that the said Col. Bigger willed the greater part of his estate to the children of WILLIAM HEAD (II) and ANN, his wife and that he, (Col. Bigger) in the Codicil to his Will, referred to WILLIAM HEAD (II) as "his son-in-law", it is reasonable to suppose that not only was their father, WILLIAM HEAD (II) the Colonel's step-son but that their mother, ANN (BIGGER) HEAD was in reality the Colonel's daughter. Certainly, in any event, it suggests a close relationship.

It should also be noted that Col. Bigger bequeaths a part of his estate to JAMES GIBSON, whom he designates as "my kinsman now living with me and who is not 21," since the records would seem to indicate he was the son of ANN (BIGGER), wife of WILLIAM HEAD (II), by a previous marriage. In Testamentary proceedings (January Court 1728) JAMES GIBSON is stated to be the brother-in-law of BIGGER, ANN and

KATHERINE HEAD, which term, as then used, could be interpreted to mean step-brother or half-brother, which would give rise to the inference, in itself, that JAMES GIBSON was the son of ANN (BIGGER), wife of WILLIAM HEAD (II), by a previous marriage. Furthermore, JAMES GIBSON was named as Administrator of the Estate of KENDALL HEAD (deceased son of WILLIAM HEAD (II) and ANN (BIGGER) HEAD) - again suggesting a close relationship.

Church Records disclose that in 1703/4 WILLIAM HEAD (II) and Col. John Bigger occupied Pews 6 and 7 in All Saints Parish Church in Sunderland (Calvert County) Md.

He was known as a Planter and owned considerable real estate. The records disclose he obtained title (by virtue of a grant dated February 2, 1713) to a tract of land in Prince Georges County, Md., containing 412 acres designated as "Red House" on Paint Branch N.E. side branch of Potomac River (Vol. 1 Prince Georges County, Md. P. 82 Hill Papers - Maryland Historical Society). By an instrument recorded in Prince Georges County on July 19, 1715, ANN BIGGER of Calvert County, Md., widow and relict of Col. John Bigger, conveyed to WILLIAM HEAD (II) and ANN, his wife, of Prince Georges County, in consideration of natural love and affection towards said WILLIAM HEAD, her son and ANN, his said wife, a tract of land in Prince Georges County, Md. called "BEALS CHANCE", containing 690 acres, and a tract called "BLACKLAND", containing 300 acres, together with Negroes and stock - they to pay yearly and every year on the Feast of Nativity of our Blessed Saviour unto the said ANN BIGGER, as a yearly rent, the sum of THREE HUNDRED POUNDS of merchantable leaf tobacco, the first payment to be made December 25, 1716. Deed signed "ANN her K mark BIGGER". By deed of August 15, 1716 Col. Ninian Beall of Prince Georges County conveyed to WILLIAM HEAD, Gent., in consideration of 500 pounds good tobacco, a parcel of land in Marlborough Town #37 containing 100 acres.

WILLIAM HEAD (II) died in 1719. By the terms of his Will, dated June 14, 1718 and duly proven June 5, 1719 (copy of which follows), his son, Bigger Head, and his daughters Mary, Ann and Katherine are each to receive a Gold Ring while he bequeaths to his daughter Charity a tract of land called William and Ann Tract, together with another parcel containing 232 acres as well as one Negro Boy called Cezar, and to "the child my wife now goes with" (WILLIAM HEAD III) that tract of land called the "RED HOUSE" containing 412 acres. The remainder of his estate was devised, in equal shares, to his wife ANN (who was named sole Executrix), his daughter Charity and "the child my wife now goes with."

It is believed that WILLIAM HEAD (II) made only small bequests to his children, Bigger, Mary, Ann and Katherine, having in mind

that they had received large inheritances from Col. John Bigger, whereas his daughter Charity, who was born after the death of the Colonel, received nothing from him, and, by the same token likewise his "unborn child," which explains why they received the lion's share. It should be noted at this time that Kendall Head and John Head, children of WILLIAM HEAD (II) and his wife ANN, who were remembered in the Will of Col. Bigger, were deceased when their father's Will was made.

After the death of WILLIAM HEAD (II), his widow married Weldon Jefferson.

WILL OF WILLIAM HEAD

"In the name of God Amen. I, Wm. Head of Prince George County in the Province of Maryland, being weak of body but of sound and perfect memory, * * * * do make this my Last Will and Testament as follows

First . . I commend my Soul to Almighty God that gave it Hoping through the merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ to receive full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my Sins, My body I commit to the Earth from whence it came, and what Temporal Estate it hath pleased God to bestow on me I give and bequeath in manner following . .

(Imprimis) I give unto my Loving Son Bigger Head my Gold Ring of Twenty Shillings price

2^{d}ly . . I give to my loving Daughter Mary Head one Gold Ring of Twenty Shillings price

3^{d}ly . . I give to my Loving Daughter Ann Head one Gold Ring of Twenty Shillings price

4thly . . I give to my Loving Daughter Katherine Head one Gold Ring of Twenty Shillings price

5thly . . I give to my loving Daughter Charity Head one Tract of Land called Wm. and Ann Tract with that parcel of land I bought of Rich Weaver containing in all Two Hundred Thirty and Two Acres more or less to her and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten and for want of such to my Daughter Mary Head and her heirs forever. . . .

6thly . . I give unto the child my wife now goes with That tract of land called the red House containing Four Hundred and Twelve

acres more or less to it and the Heirs of its body lawfully begotten and for want of Such to my Daughters Ann and Catherine Head and to their Heirs forever and to be Equally Divided between them.

7thly .. I give to my Daughter Charity Head one Negro Boy called Cezar.

Lastly .. The remainder of my Estate I cause to be Equally Divided between my Loving wife Ann Head (my whole and Sole Ex. to this my Last Will and Testament) and my Daughter Charity Head and the Child she now goes with, and I do revoke and make void all other Wills heretofore made or caused to be made by me and do acknowledge this to be my Last Will and Testament.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereto set my hand and seal this fourteenth Day of June Anno Domini 1718.

Signed Sealed & Delivered)
In the presence of us) Wm. Head (SEAL)

Levin Covington
Weldon Jefferson
Jno. Wall
James Gibson

Since The making of the above Will it appearing to me that There's a Tract of Land I formerly Sold to John Mortemor and Lying in Calvert County which was not made over unto him, I do hereby authorize and empower my Loving Wife Ann Head Ex. to my above Will to make over unto the said Mortimor or Heirs or any other person proving a Lawfull Right to the said Land and Desire that this may be adjudged as good as any Part of above Will. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand and Seal This First Day of September Anno Dom. Seventeen Hundred & Eighteen.

Signed, Sealed & Delivered)
in the Presence of us) William Head (SEAL)

Weldon Jefferson
Robt. Hall
Jno. Wall

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William Head's Last Will and Testament proved 5th June, 1719.

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES CALVERT ESQ. COMMISSARY GENL. AND CHIEF JUDGE FOR PROBATE OF WILLS AND GRANTING ADMINISTRATIONS IN THE PROVINCE OF MARYLAND.

The Libel and Complaint of James Gibson of Prince Georges County, Gent. against Patrick Andrews who intermarried with Ann Bigger the Widow and Executrix of Coll. John Bigger late of Calvert County deceased

SHEWETH to Your Hon. that a Certain John Bigger late of Calvert County being possessed of Considerable personall Estate on or about this twelfth day of December Anno Dom. Seventeen hundred and thirteen made his last will and Testament out in Writing and Shortly after dyed by which Will he among other Bequests and Appointments therein contained did give and Bequeath to Kendall Head and his heirs Seven negro slaves called by the several names following, to wit: One boy named Joe one boy named Sam, one boy named Charles, one girl named Nanny, one girl named Patty one girl named Hannah, and one girl called Noll, together with all Such Children as should be born of the said negro girls, all of which said negroes were to be kept until the said Kendall Head should attain the age of twenty one years and did further give and bequeath unto the said Kendall one Large Silver Tankard with the said John's Coat of Arms engraved thereon, one Silver Can, one Large Silver Candle Cup, one very large Silver Salt and one small Silver Salt, Twelve Silver Spoons marked (B), Four Silver Forks marked (FB) with all his Wairing Plate such as Buttons, rings, etc., Excepting one Large Hoop Ring and he did further give and bequeath to the said Bigger (Kendall) Head one Negro Girl called Fanny and all her issue to be delivered to him at the age of twenty one years, as also all the children which should be born of his negro Sarah wife of Argolin, as also by the Codicil of the said John Bigger to his Will Annexed Dated fourteenth Day of October, Seventeen Hundred and fourteen he did further give and bequeath unto the said Kendall one Malatta Girl named Pegg, one Malatto Boy named Basil, one Negro Lad named Consia, -

AND appointed Ann Bigger of Calvert County his wife whole and Sole Exrt. That upon the Decease of the said John Bigger the said Ann Bigger undertook the Burthen of the Execution of the said Testament and caused the same to be duly proved and Recorded and Obtained Letters Testa'ry. thereupon and caused Inventorys of the said John Bigger's Estate which came to her hands to be Exhibited into the then Comiss. Gen.'s Office of this Province amounting to L1584:1:2 1/2, That the said Ann Bigger, Executrix aforesaid Intermarried with the aforesaid Patrick Andrew of Calvert County aforesaid, Since which Intermarriage they the said Patrick Andrew and Ann his wife have Past Accounts of their Payments and Disbursements made out of the said decedent's Estate amounting to

the Sum of L303:6:11 1/2 as of the severall proceedings and Records thereof in the Office of this Honorable Court may appear, whereby it Appears that the said John's Estate remaining in the said Patrick Andrews hands amounted to the Sum of Twelve hundred and Eighty pounds Fourteen Shillings and Three Pence, Which according to the Dec'ds Will should have been applied towards the payment of the Libelant and Other Legacys but is kept by the said Patrick Andrew in his hands and converted to his own Use.

But now so it is may it please your Honor that neither the said Ann before her Intermarriage with the said Patrick Andrew Nor the said Patrick Andrew or Ann his wife since their Intermarriage the aforementioned Legacies being the value of about . . . . . Or any part thereof to this Libelant hath not paid altho they have been often Demanded so to do and altho sufficient of the Estate which was of the said John at the time of his Death came to the Hands of the said Patrick and Anne to pay the same after all other Debts and Legacies were paid but the same to pay do denie and for that this Libelant is most properly releivable in this Honble Court he therefore most humbly prays your Honor to grant him his Lordship's Writ of Citation to be Directed to the Sheriff of Calvert County against the said Patrick Andrews to be and appear before your Honor in this Honble. Court at a certain day under a certain pain therein to be Limitted and true and perfect Answer upon his Corporate Oath to make to all and Singular the Promisses and to make Such Judgment Order and Decree in favour of the Libellant in the Premises as is Agreeable to Equity and good Conscience.

And he will ever Pray etc.

Macnemara.

Calvert County 1728.

James Gibson, Adm. of Kendall Head	)	
	)	
vs.	)	Libell
	)	7 1/2
Patrick Andrews	)	

Filed 25th May, 1728.

Issue Citation hereon forthwith - 25th May, 1728.

To M. Geo. Slater - Reg. . . . .

TO THE HON. DANIEL DULANY ESQ. Commissary General and Judge for Probate of Wills and Granting Administration in the Province of Maryland.

The Humble Petition of James Gibson Adm. of Kendall Head deceased Showeth:

That Coll. John Bigger late of Calvert County deceased by his last Will and Testament gave the said Kendall several considerable Legacies which the Est. of the said Bigger or Patrick Andrew who intermarried with the said Exect. never have paid to the said Head in his lifetime or to your Petitioner since his Death and that Your Petitioner having no means to recover his Right but by Suing the Testamentary Bond requests an assignment thereof.

And he will ever pray, etc.

Let the bond be assigned as prayed to avail the pet. as far as in Law and Justice it ought.

D. Dulany Com'ry.

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Bond copies same Day and Delivered to D. Dulany Esq.

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C H A R T

(TENTATIVE)

WILLIAM HEAD (I) (d. 167_) m. (1st) ANN (KENDALL) (d. 1727)
(2nd) m. Col. John Bigger (and)
(3rd) m. Patrick Andrew June 30, 1715

WILLIAM HEAD (II) (167_-1719) m. ANN (BIGGER)
(1st) m. _____Gibson
(2nd) m. William Head
(3rd) m. Weldon Jefferson

JAMES GIBSON (b. 1694/5) m. Mary _____by 1723

KENDALL HEAD (1696-1716/17)

BIGGER HEAD I (1698-) m. MARTHA BOTELER by 1724

BIGGER HEAD II _____d. 1819 m. Susanna Wilson _____d. after 1819

BIGGER HEAD III (1775-1847) m. Mary Ogle, 1801

MARY HEAD (1700-) m. (1st) JOHN RAY and had issue
(2nd) CHARLES BEALL

ANN HEAD (b. 9/4/1711)

* KATHERINE HEAD (b. 1/14/1712-13)

JOHN HEAD (b. 5/21/1714) Died before June 14, 1718

CHARITY HEAD (b. 6/14/1717) Died before 1725

** WILLIAM HEAD (III) (1718/19-180_) m. LUCY (BECKWITH)

See Sketch

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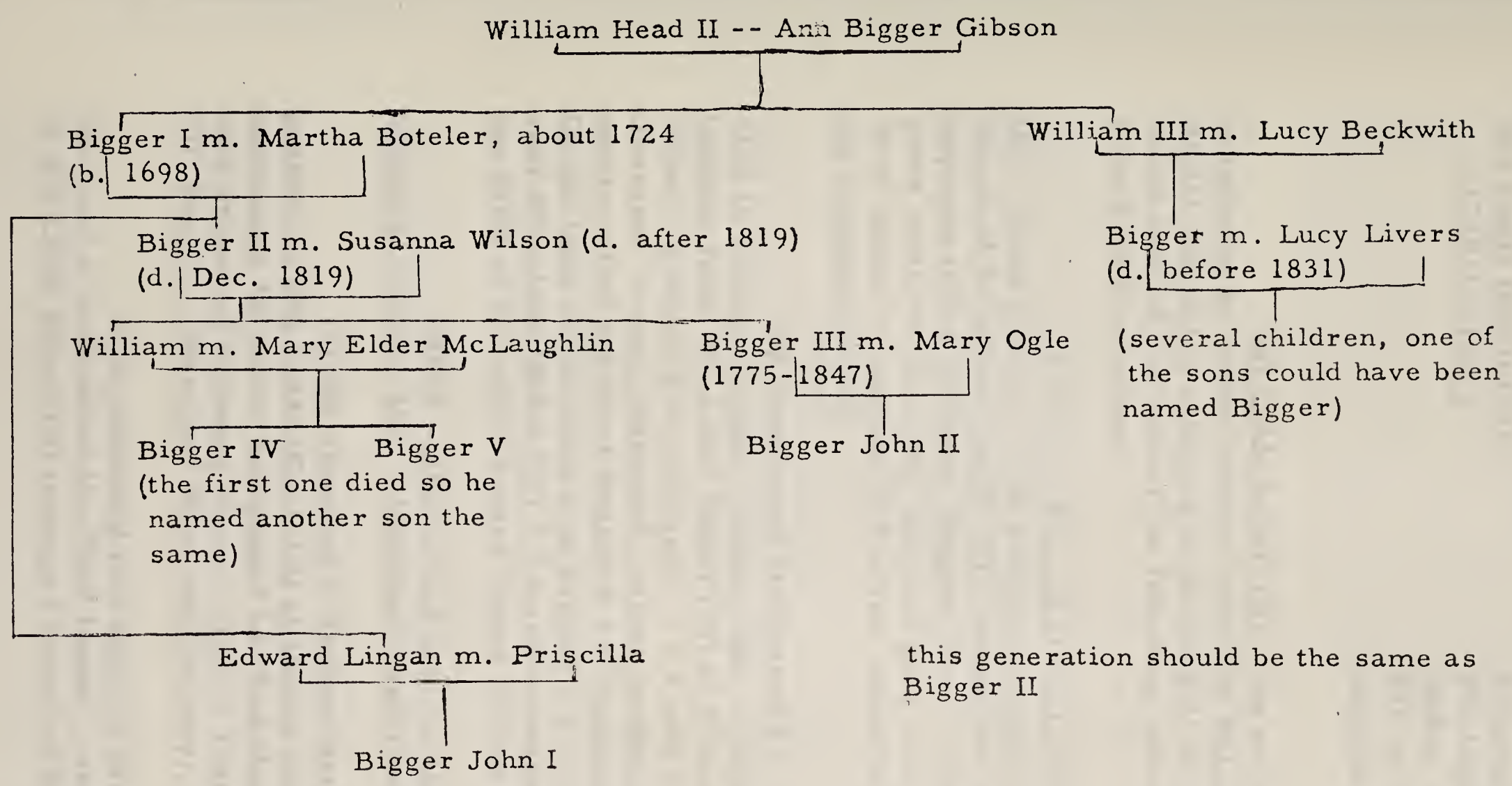
* Until 1752 New Year's Day was March 25.

** Referred to in the Will of WILLIAM HEAD (II) as "the child my wife now goes with" - Will being dated June 14, 1718.



By J. H. Watts
Glenn L. Head

WILLIAM HEAD (III)
(1718/19-180_)

Believed to be the "unborn child" of WILLIAM HEAD (II) and ANN (BIGGER) HEAD, his wife, referred to in the Will of WILLIAM HEAD (II) of Prince Georges County, Md. dated June 14, 1718.

WILLIAM HEAD (III), the subject of this Biographical Sketch, is believed to be the "unborn child" of WILLIAM HEAD (II) and ANN (BIGGER) HEAD, his wife, referred to in the Will of the said WILLIAM HEAD (II), as above recited, in view of the following recorded instruments and inferences to be drawn therefrom:

(1) Will of WILLIAM HEAD (II) of Prince Georges County, Md., dated June 14, 1718 and duly proven June 5, 1719 (copy of Will follows Sketch of WILLIAM HEAD (II)) names his wife Ann as Executrix; makes bequests to his children, Bigger, Mary, Charity, Ann and Katherine; and gives "unto the child my wife now goes with" a tract of land called the "Red House" containing 412 acres, more or less, as well as a share in his residuary estate.

(2) Deed dated December 20, 1755 and recorded January 10, 1756 in Prince Georges County, Md. in Liber NN Folio 415 (copy of Deed follows) from WILLIAM HEAD (III) of Prince Georges County to James Wilson, granted and conveyed " * * * part of a tract of land in Prince Georges County, Maryland, called the Red House on or near a branch commonly called the Paint Branch * * * containing 350 acres, more or less." On the back of that deed it is recited " * * * also Lucy, the wife of the said WILLIAM HEAD (III) * * * acknowledged her Right of Dower to be also the Right of the within named James Wilson * * *."

NOTE - Above deed also recited in Hill Papers Vol. 1 Prince Georges County, Md. - Maryland Historical Society.

(3) By virtue of a Warrant dated February 2, 1713 there was granted to WILLIAM HEAD (II) of Prince Georges County, Md. a tract containing 412 acres designated as "Red House" on Paint Branch N.E. side branch of Potomac River. (Vol. 1 Prince Georges County, P. 82 Hill Papers - Maryland Historical Society).

It is contended that since it has been conclusively shown that the tract of land called the "Red House", as aforesaid, became the property of WILLIAM HEAD (II) through a Grant or Warrant dated February 2, 1713

and that the Records disclose no conveyance thereof from that time forward until WILLIAM HEAD (III), the subject of this Sketch, (to whom it was devised by his father, WILLIAM HEAD (II) by Will dated June 14, 1718, which was duly proven) conveyed the same to James Wilson on December 20, 1755, as above recited, it would certainly seem to be a fact that WILLIAM HEAD (III) must have been the "unborn child" of WILLIAM HEAD (II) and ANN (BIGGER) HEAD, referred to in his father's Will.

Consideration should, also, be given to a deed recorded in Prince Georges County, Md. on June 17, 1756 from Bigger Head, Planter, (wife Martha) and WILLIAM HEAD (III), Planter, (wife Lucy) to Dr. Richard Smith for lot of land lying in Upper Marlborough Town in Prince Georges County, Md. #37 in a Plat thereof lodged in County Court Office, together with improvements, since here we find Bigger Head and WILLIAM HEAD, as well as their respective wives, Martha and Lucy, conveying property which belonged to WILLIAM HEAD (II). This again, tends to corroborate the claim they were brothers - both being sons of WILLIAM HEAD (II) and ANN (BIGGER) HEAD.

It may, therefore, be concluded that WILLIAM HEAD (III) was born in Prince Georges County, Maryland, either in the latter part of 1718 or very early in the year 1719, and that his parents were WILLIAM HEAD (II) and ANN (BIGGER) HEAD. Also, that he was a Planter and that he was married by December 20, 1755, his wife's first name being LUCY.

Furthermore, in the light of various recorded instruments and inferences to be drawn therefrom, which are recited at length in the Sketch of WILLIAM B. HEAD (also known as WILLIAM BECKWITH HEAD), which follows, it is presumed

(a) That LUCY BECKWITH, daughter of WILLIAM BECKWITH and ELIZABETH BECKWITH, of Prince Georges County, Md., married WILLIAM HEAD (III) of the same County;

(b) That WILLIAM HEAD (III) and LUCY (BECKWITH) HEAD, his wife, had a son whom they named for her father and brother, viz: "WILLIAM BECKWITH" HEAD, who in later life signed his name merely WILLIAM B. HEAD and, in consequence thereof, became so known in the course of time; and

(c) That being so, inasmuch as the Will of WILLIAM B. HEAD (copy of which follows his Sketch) specifically mentions his brothers and sisters, BIGGER HEAD, CECELIUS HEAD, ELIZABETH (HEAD) WOOD and NANCY (HEAD) BEALL, it necessarily follows that they, too, were children of WILLIAM HEAD (III) and LUCY (BECKWITH) HEAD.

Reference to a deed dated October 17, 1799, of record in Frederick County, Md. in Deed Book W.R. 19, Folio 85, from WILLIAM HEAD, Gentleman, to his daughter, LUCY HEAD, both of the County aforesaid, for a negro girl and some furniture, suggests the likelihood that LUCY HEAD was also a daughter of WILLIAM HEAD (III) and LUCY BECKWITH HEAD. That WILLIAM HEAD (III) was a resident of Frederick County, Md. on May 13, 1774 (probably as early as 1760) is attested by a Lease and Deed of record in that County (same being recited in the Sketch of WILLIAM B. HEAD, as aforesaid), thus tentatively identifying him as the father of LUCY, who was named for her mother, LUCY (BECKWITH) HEAD.

Although the date of the death of WILLIAM HEAD (III) is not known, nor is that of his wife, LUCY (BECKWITH) HEAD, they must have lived to a ripe old age, as they made a conveyance on May 24, 1800 of a tract of land called "Resurvey on Butler's Lott." However, thereafter, the records disclose nothing in regard to either of them, suggesting that they died soon thereafter.

At the request of James Wilson the following Deed was recorded this 10" day of January Anno Domini 1756.

THIS INDENTURE made this Twentieth day of Dec. in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred fifty five BETWEEN William Head of Prince Georges County in the Province of Maryland of the one part and James Wilson of the Province and County aforesaid of the other part, WITNESSETH that the said William Head for and in consideration of the sum of Eighty Pounds Sterling money to him in hand paid by the said James Wilson before the Ensealing and delivery of these presents the Receipt whereof the said William Head doth hereby acknowledge and Confess himself therewith fully and intirely paid and Sattisfied and doth by these presents exonerate, acquit and discharge the said James Wilson his Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns forever HATH given, granted, bargained, Aliened Sold and Confirmed, and by these presents doth give Grant bargain Alien Sell and Confirm unto him the said James Wilson his Heirs and Assigns forever all the Remaining part of a Tract of land Called the Red House lying and being in Prince Georges County on or near a branch Commonly Called the paint Branch BEGINNING at the North West Corner of a parcell of Land Laid out of this Tract for Andrew Beall and

One Hundred fourteen perches and an half on the Second line of the Tract and Runing thence North thirty Seven degrees West One hundred fourteen perches and a half thence North Three Hundred forty and Six perches thence South South East one hundred perches thence North by East Seventy perches thence South fifty degrees East one hundred and forty Perches thence South four degrees East Two hundred Seventy three perches to Andrew Beales land thence with said land South Sixty Eight degrees West one hundred twenty Perches to the beginning Containing and laid out for Three Hundred and fifty Acres more or less Together with all and Singular the Rents Issues Profitts privileges emoluments Conveniences and Appurtenances whatsoever to the said Tract or parcel of land belonging or in any wise appertaining

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD this said land and premises to him the said James Wilson his Heirs and Assigns forever to his or their only proper use and behoof and to no other use or intent whatsoever and the said William Head for himself, his Heirs, Executors Administrators and Assigns doth Covenant Grant and Agree to and with the said James Wilson his Heirs and Assigns that he the said James Wilson his Heirs and Assigns Shall and may forever hereafter have hold, occupy and enjoy all and singular the said land and premises to him the said James Wilson, his Heirs and Assigns without any Lett Suit Trouble disturbance or Interruption of him the said William Head his Heirs or Administrators or Assigns or any other person or persons whatsoever and the said William Head the said Tract or parcel of Land and premises unto the said James Wilson, his Heirs and Assigns Shall and Will forever hereafter by Virtue of these presents against the said William Head his Heirs and Assigns and against all and every person or persons whatsoever Warrant and defend and further said William Head doth Covenant and agree to and with said James Wilson that he the said William Head shall and will at any time hereafter for himself, his Heirs or Assigns make do or suffer any further or Other Act or deed which the said James Wilson his Heirs or Assigns or his or their Council learned in the Law shall Devise Advise or Require.

IN WITNESS whereof the party first to these presents hath hereunto Sett his hand and affixed his Seal the day and year first above written.

Sign'd Sealed and Deliver'd
In the presents of

William Head

David Loss

Chris Lowndes

On the back of the foregoing Deed was the following Endorsements, viz:

Prince George County ss December the 20" One Thousand Seven Hundred fifty five Then William Head Came before us Two of his Lordships Justices

for the County aforesaid and Acknowledged the within Land and Premises to be the Right of the within Named James Wilson his Heirs and Assigns for ever Also Lucy the wife of the said William Head being Privately Examined Acknowledged her Right of Dower to the same to be also the Right of the within Named James Wilson, his Heirs and Assigns forever, and declared that she made the same Acknowledge freely and Willingly without any threats of her said Husband or fear of his displeasure.

David Loss

Chris Lowndes

Prince George County December 20" 1755 Then Received of James Wilson Eighty Pounds Sterling Money of Great Britain it being the Consideration of the within Named land and Premises.

Witness

William Head

David Loss

Chris Lowndes

1756 Jan'y 10" Received fourteen Shill. Ster. as an Alienation fine on the within Three H fifty Acres of Land by order of the Honble Edw. Loyd Esq. Agent for the Right Honble. the Lord Propty. of Maryland.

I. Hepburn

C H A R T

WILLIAM HEAD (II) (d. 1719) m. ANN (BIGGER)

WILLIAM HEAD (III), son, (1718/19-180_) m. LUCY (BECKWITH) (172_-180_)

(BECKWITH)

1. WILLIAM B. HEAD (1747-1833) m. ANN LILLY (1756-1798) Dau. of Richard Lilly and Mary Elder II

See Sketch.

2. CECELIUS HEAD I (d. before 1831) m. ELIZABETH BUTLER, on 1/8/1779

Owensboro, Davis Co., Ky. Dau. of Tobias Butler, Frederick Co., Md

Had children

3. BIGGER HEAD (d. before 1831) m. LUCY LIVERS, on 2/13/1779

Had children

4. ELIZABETH HEAD (d. before 1831) m. RICHARD WOOD 10/9/1778

Had children

5. NANCY HEAD (d. after 1831) m. _____BEALL

* 6. LUCY HEAD Unmarried in 1799

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* Existence of LUCY HEAD, daughter of WILLIAM HEAD (III) revealed by deed dated October 17, 1799, of record in Frederick County, Md. in Deed Book W. R. 19 Folio 85, by the terms of which he, WILLIAM HEAD (III) gave to his "beloved daughter, LUCY HEAD" a negro girl, etc. as a gift. It should be noted that she was evidently named for her mother, for she, too, bore the name LUCY.

(BECKWITH)
WILLIAM B. HEAD
(1747-1833)

Presumed to be the son of
WILLIAM HEAD (III) and
LUCY BECKWITH HEAD.

WILLIAM B. HEAD, believed to be WILLIAM BECKWITH HEAD and so regarded herein,[1] was born in 1747 in Maryland or Northern Virginia. In the light of certain recorded instruments and inferences to be drawn therefrom, it is assumed he was the son of WILLIAM HEAD (III) and LUCY BECKWITH HEAD,[2] who are known to have lived in both Prince Georges and Frederick Counties, Maryland. According to family tradition he was of English descent and in religion an Episcopalian.

On December 27, 1775 he was on the Committee of Observation in Frederick County, Maryland (Vol. 11, P. 168 - Maryland Magazine of History).

He served in the Revolutionary War and was referred to as "Major", thus establishing him as the same WILLIAM BECKWITH HEAD listed by the Maryland Magazine of History as 2nd Lieutenant in Captain Robert Woods Company (Vol. 11 P. 53) and the Archives of Maryland as 1st Lieutenant in the 37th Battalion (Middle District) Frederick County, Maryland May 15, 1776 (Vol. 11 P. 427) and Captain of Colonel Johnson's Battalion December 28, 1776 (Vol. 12 P. 555), to whom payment of L7:10 was ordered to be made by the Western Shore Treasurer February 27, 1779 - also to Captain William Beckwith Head and Company L48:11:8 (Vol. 21 P. 310).

He was, also, a Commissioner for Frederick County, Maryland - March Term Court 1787. (Book of Descent)

Although the date and place of his marriage is not known, it is family tradition he was married in Virginia. This may be so, inasmuch as no record can be found of his marriage in Maryland whereas it has been established two of his brothers and two of his sisters were married in that State. Be that as it may, it is a known fact that Mr. Head and his wife, Ann, lived on a farm near Creagerstown, Frederick County, Maryland, and that they were the parents of at least seven children[3-4]

ELIZABETH HEAD — who married JAMES CLARK November 17, 1807. (Female Book of Frederick County, Md. Marriages P. 67) The Frederick Herald, in its issue of November 21, 1807, announced that Elizabeth Head, daughter of William Head of Frederick County, was married by Rev. DuBois to James Clark of Jefferson County, Virginia.

ANN HEAD	who married HORATIO HOBBS February 2, 1816 (Male Book, supra, P. 164)
MARY HEAD	who married (1st) JOSEPH MINGHINI November 17, 1817 and (2nd) one named GREGORY[3] - both of Virginia.
JOHN L. HEAD	who married SOPHIA SUSANNAH GREEN October 7, 1818. (Male Book supra, P. 170) The Frederick Herald of October 24, 1818 carried the item of this marriage, which took place in Mount St. Mary's Church, (Emmitsburg, Maryland) the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. DuBois on October 7, 1818.
ANASTASIA HEAD	who married (1st) SAMUEL GREEN who died February 9th, 1816 (Church Records and Will of SAMUEL GREEN), and (2nd) ALOYSIUS L. ELDER (also known as LOUIS ELDER) on February 15 (17), 1824 - both of Frederick County, Maryland. (Church Records, etc.)
BENEDICT HEAD	who died in 1804 and is buried in St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Frederick, Maryland. A stone marks his grave.
_____HEAD	(a son) who married and was the father of WILLIAM A. HEAD, who lived in Fenton, Missouri in 1836.[4]

A tombstone in St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Frederick, Maryland marks the grave of "ANN HEAD, beloved wife of WILLIAM B. HEAD," who died November 18, 1798 at the age of forty-two. After her death Mr. Head continued to live at or near Creagerstown, Maryland, as did his children until they married.

It would appear from the records that Mr. Head was a man of considerable ability and that he did not confine his activities to agricultural pursuits. Not only did he serve his Country as an officer during the Revolutionary War, and Frederick County, Maryland as a Commissioner, etc., but he was also called upon to act for his relatives and friends in various capacities, viz: - As Executor of the Estate of Samuel Green (who died February 9, 1816 at the age of twenty-eight) and Guardian of the deceased's minor child, Ann Elizabeth Green,[6] as Attorney-in-Fact for

Cecelius Head and Elizabeth (Butler) Head, his wife, residents of Davies County, Kentucky, to obtain Elizabeth's share in the Estate of Tobias Butler, her father, who died April 15, 1815 a resident of Frederick County, Maryland (Recorded in Kentucky February 24, 1816 in D. B. "A" P. 27. - also in Frederick County, Maryland); and in 1817 as the Guardian of several minor children bearing the name Holtzman, who lived in Washington, D. C. (Records in Frederick County, Md.)

That he was a man of tolerance and understanding is attested by the fact that, in the absence of a Catholic Church in the Creagerstown area and his wife being of that Faith, he permitted his home to be used as a Mass Station for more than forty years. In 1822 (eleven years before his death) Mr. Head became a Catholic.[5]

He died in Creagerstown, Maryland December 28, 1833 at the age of eighty-six and is buried in the Mountain Cemetery near Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Maryland. A large tombstone marks his grave. In reporting his death, the Frederick Times referred to him as "Major" William B. Head who died at his residence in Creagerstown, Maryland December 28, 1833 aged eighty-six. (Maryland Historical Society)

According to his Will,[3] of record in Frederick County, Maryland, he had the following brothers and sisters:

CECELIUS HEAD	who married ELIZABETH BUTLER January 8, 1779, (Male Book supra, P. 155)
BIGGER HEAD	who married _____LIVERS February 13, 1779, (Male Book supra, P. 154)
ELIZABETH HEAD	who married RICHARD WOOD October 9, 1778, (Female Book supra, P. 163)
NANCY HEAD	who married NINIAN BEALL, (NOTE: NINIAN BEALL and NANCY BEALL were witnesses to the marriage of ANN HEAD and NATHANIAL BEALL which took place in the First Lutheran Church in Frederick, Md. February 5, 1788),

all of whom migrated from Frederick County, Maryland, to the State of Kentucky.

1. In substantiation of the claim that WILLIAM B. HEAD and WILLIAM BECKWITH HEAD were one and the same person are the following facts:

(a) The deed from WILLIAM BECKWITH HEAD to Peter Stitcher, for parcel of land situate in Frederick County, Maryland, dated March 26, 1813 (Frederick County Land Records Liber WR 45 Fol. 75-76-77) is signed merely "WILLIAM B. HEAD". The grantor alone acknowledged the deed, from which it can be concluded he had no wife. The wife of WILLIAM B. HEAD died in 1798.

(b) WILLIAM B. HEAD was a resident of Frederick County, Maryland. So, also, was WILLIAM BECKWITH HEAD.

(c) The Frederick Times, when reporting the death of WILLIAM B. HEAD on December 28, 1833 at the age of eighty-six, referred to him as "Major". WILLIAM BECKWITH HEAD was a Major in the Revolutionary War.

(d) WILLIAM BECKWITH HEAD found it more convenient to merely sign his name "WILLIAM B. HEAD" and, by reason thereof, in the course of time became known by that name.

2. In substantiation of the presumption that WILLIAM BECKWITH HEAD, who was also known as WILLIAM B. HEAD, was the son of WILLIAM HEAD (III) and LUCY (BECKWITH) HEAD are the following recorded documents and inferences to be drawn therefrom:

(a) Maryland Account Book 23 p. 93 shows the additional and final account of Peter Butler and Elizabeth, his wife (Admx. of the Estate of WILLIAM BECKWITH, late of Prince Georges County, Maryland - she having been his surviving widow). It is recited therein that WILLIAM BECKWITH died in 1745; that his children were represented to be Lucy, Anne, Margaret and William Beckwith as of December 15, 1746; and that the balance of the estate vested in the widow and children as named.

(b) The said Peter Butler on May 16, 1760 (Frederick County Land Records F 1002) leased to LUCY HEAD (wife of WILLIAM HEAD) for and during her lifetime "Resurvey on Butler's Lott", containing 296 acres situate in Frederick County, Maryland - she to plant 100 apple trees on the land within seven years.

(c) On May 13, 1774 (Frederick County Land Records V 401) there was a conveyance to WILLIAM HEAD SR. (III) by John and

Elizabeth Julian (Elizabeth being the daughter of Peter Butler) of the said "Resurvey on Butler's Lott" containing 296 acres, subject to the dower interest of Mary Brawner (who had been the wife of Peter Butler and after his death married Thomas Brawner).

(d) On May 24, 1800 (Frederick County Land Records Liber 19 Fol. 529) WILLIAM HEAD (III) conveyed to WILLIAM BECKWITH HEAD "Resurvey on Butler's Lott" which had not been sold to Martin Gamber (subject to the dower interest of Mary Brawner, who had been the wife of Peter Butler and after his death married Thomas Brawner. The grantor's wife, LUCY HEAD, acknowledged the deed and relinquished her right of dower.

From the above it can reasonably be inferred

(a) That LUCY BECKWITH, daughter of WILLIAM BECKWITH and ELIZABETH BECKWITH, married WILLIAM HEAD (III);

(b) That WILLIAM HEAD (III) and LUCY (BECKWITH) HEAD had a son whom they named for her father and brother, viz: "WILLIAM BECKWITH" HEAD;

(c) That Peter Butler, the stepfather of LUCY BECKWITH, leased to LUCY HEAD (wife of WILLIAM HEAD III), during her lifetime, "Resurvey on Butler's Lott"; and

(d) That it was her husband, WILLIAM HEAD (III), who acquired the same from John Julian and Elizabeth (Butler) Julian, his wife and then, in turn, conveyed the same tract to WILLIAM BECKWITH HEAD, their son.

In other words, these real estate transactions were all in the family. It might, also, be stated in this connection that CECELIUS HEAD, brother of WILLIAM B. HEAD (believed to be WILLIAM BECKWITH HEAD), married ELIZABETH BUTLER, daughter of TOBIAS BUTLER of Frederick County, Maryland.

3. Will of WILLIAM B. HEAD (believed to be WILLIAM BECKWITH HEAD) of record in Frederick County, Maryland - copy of which is hereto attached.

4. Excerpts from Letter of WILLIAM A. HEAD, who lived on a farm some eighteen miles from St. Louis, Mo. (P.O. Address being

Fenton, Mo.) written on July 17, 1836 to JOHN L. HEAD, "Graceham, near Emmitsburg, Md.," which was forwarded to Youngstown, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania:

"Dear Uncle:

"You repremand me in the last letter I received from you, the date of which is Sept. 12th, 1833, for not having written to you sooner after father's death. Now, will you please to receive the same in return for not having written at all to me concerning the death of grandfather (WILLIAM B. HEAD died December 28, 1833). I would be thankful if you would write to give me some knowledge of grandfather's affairs and whether there will be anything a comeing to me from his Estate or not. * * * From the way grandfather wrote to me the last letter I received from him before his death I might reasonably expect something. * * * Let me know if you please. * * * We have four children and another daily expected. The oldest is a going on eight years and one regularly every two years down untill the present, George, Margaret, William B. & Linton, after one of my wife's brothers. * * *."

5. Excerpts from letter written by Rev. Francis P. Kearney, Dean of Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Maryland and sent to Mrs. Clay F. Lynch (Eleanor Head Lynch):

"To Whom It May Concern:

"The records (at Saint Anthony's Shrine, Emmitsburg, Maryland) indicate that Mr. William B. Head's house at Creagerstown, Maryland was a Mass Station for over 40 years. He became a convert under Father (later Bishop) DuBois about the year 1822.

"William B. Head was buried from Mount St. Mary's College Church on December 29, 1833 by the Rev. T. R. Butler. Burial was in the Mountain Cemetery."

6. Pertinent extracts from Will of Samuel Green of Frederick County, Maryland (Record of Wills, Book HS 1, Pages 179-180:

January 8, 1816 - Date of Will (Old Calendar)
January 16, 1816 - Date of Will (New Calendar - date changed before signing)

Died February 9, 1816 (aged 28)
Date of Probate - February 20, 1816
William B. Head, "beloved friend and father-in-law" named as Executor.
Mentioned wife Anastasia.
Also mentioned daughter Ann Elizabeth and made William B. Head her Guardian.

McSHERRY AND LILLY DATA RECEIVED AFTER SKETCH WAS COMPLETED

It would appear that WILLIAM B. HEAD married Ann Lilly (daughter of Richard Lilly and Mary Elder Lilly) and that her sister was Anastasia Lilly who married Richard McSherry of Jefferson County, Virginia. This presumption arises because

(1) WILLIAM B. HEAD and ANN, his wife, had a daughter whom they named Anastasia (suggesting she was named for Anastasia Lilly McSherry);

(2) In letters written by Dennis McSherry (a law student) to John L. Head (son of WILLIAM B. HEAD and ANN, his wife), he addresses John as "Dear Cousin" and likewise refers to his "Cousin Anastasia," indicating thereby that Dennis McSherry was most probably the son of Richard and Anastasia Lilly, and that Mrs. William B. Head was his aunt by reason of the fact that she was his mother's sister; and

(3) In his Will, WILLIAM B. HEAD designates Dr. Richard McSherry of Virginia to act as Trustee of the estate of his daughter, Mary Head Gregory, again suggesting that there was a close relationship between the two families (probably Dr. Richard McSherry was a son of Richard and Anastasia Lilly McSherry).

McSHERRY LINE

(1) Richard McSherry, founder of the family in Virginia, was born July 29, 1747 at St. John's Point, County Down, Ireland, and died at Retirement, Jefferson County, Va., in 1822. At the age of eighteen, possessed of a fine education, he left Ireland for the West Indies and settled at Kingston on the Iseland of Jamaica, where he was taken under the patronage of one Dr. Fowler, whom he served as agent. Having acquired a substantial fortune through this association and his own endeavors, some time before 1790 and after 1783 Mr. McSherry removed to the United States, where he established himself as a merchant in Baltimore. Shortly, however, he abandoned this enterprise to purchase large tracts of land in Jefferson County, Va., which he called Retirement. This plantation lay between the estates of "Solitude" and "Traveler's Rest," the homes respectively of Gen. Charles Lee and Horatio Gates of Revolutionary War Fame. Here at Retirement Mr. McSherry devoted his remaining years to the raising of fine horses and to the development of the tomato or love apple, and ochre, both of which he brought to Virginia from the West Indies. He and his wife are buried in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Martinsburg, Va.

Richard McSherry married July 31, 1791 in Frederick County, Md., Anastasia Lilly - their daughter, among nine children, Susan, of whom further. (Sister Mary Bernard - History of the McSherry family, 1908, Wilmington, Del.)

(2) Susan McSherry, daughter of Richard and Anastasia Lilly McSherry, was born in 1796 or 1797 at Retirement, Jefferson County, Va., and died in Richmond, Va., May 26, 1869. She was buried from the Roman Catholic Cathedral in Baltimore.

LILLY LINE

(1) Samuel Lilly was one of the pioneer Roman Catholic settlers of Conewago, Pa. He married Ann Price - their son, among others, Richard, of whom further. (John Riley History of Hanover County, Pa. - B. J. Webb, Catholicity in Kentucky).

(2) Richard Lilly, eldest son of Samuel Lilly and Ann Price Lilly, was born August 16, 1728 in England. He settled in America at Woodsboro, Frederick County, Md. Richard Lilly married Mary Elder (II) - their daughter, Anastasia, of whom further.

(3) Anastasia Lilly, daughter of Richard and Mary Elder Lilly, was born in the year 1772, and died in 1824 at Retirement, Jefferson County, Va. She married Richard McSherry (I) and their daughter, Susan, married John B. Piet.

John B. Piet (II) married in 1822 Susan McSherry (McSherry II) - their daughter, among seven children, Maria Meredith, of whom further. She was born in 1832 at Retirement, Jefferson County, Va., and died in 1925. She married Dr. Daniel Walker (II) - then Thomas (III).

ELDER LINE

The surname "Elder" in England and colonial America is almost exclusively a Roman Catholic patronymic. (American Catholic Review 1880.)

(1) William Elder, founder of this branch of the family in Maryland, was born in 1707 in Lancashire, England and died in Emmitsburg, Md., April 22, 1775. He came to Maryland between the years 1728 and 1732 and was a resident of St. Mary's County in 1733. The following year he established himself on lands purchased in the vicinity of Emmitsburg, Frederick County, Md. His residence, near the present site of the College of St. Mary's, contained a Chapel where he and his neighbors assembled for Mass.

William Elder married (1st) in England Ann Wheeler, who was born in 1709 and died August 11, 1739. He married (2nd) in 1744 Jacoba Clementine Livers, daughter of Arnold Livers, Esq. She was born in 1717 and died September 19, 1807, leaving four sons and two daughters. The daughter by the first marriage, among five children, was Mary, of whom further.

(2) Mary Elder, daughter of William Elder and Ann Wheeler Elder, married Richard Lilly (II) - their daughter, Anastasia, married Richard McSherry. Richard and Anastasia Lilly McSherry had a daughter, Susan, who married (1st) John B. Piet (II).

BIOGRAPHY OF GREAT GRANDFATHER JAMES CLARK
My address is J.A.H. Clark, 2612 Grand Avenue,
Louisville, Ky.

James Clark was born February 16, 1785, in Lacole, Co. Down, Ireland, Borglak Parish. Emigrated to America. Landed at Newcastle on the Delaware River. He went from there to his uncle, William McSherry, in Baltimore, and later to Uncle Richard McSherry in Va. He learned tanning as a trade from John Mathers and his Uncle Richard McSherry set him up in business for himself as a tanner. In 1807 he married Elizabeth Head from Penn. Later he traded his tannery for 800 acres of land in Spencer Co., Kentucky, sight unseen. He lived and died there. He was buried at Fairfield, Ky.

James Alford Clark Sarah Frances (nee Lilly) Clark	Joseph Agustas Head Clark	John Joseph Louise Bertha Alowysus Lambert Mary Benedict Philip Neri Bernadine Ann Charles Alexander James Francis
John D. Willitt Mary Alice (nee Moore) Willitt	Louise Bertha (nee Willitt) Clark	

This item on James Clark was found among old papers of Joseph C. Head family. I do not understand this part of above "Biography": "In 1807 he married Elizabeth Head of Penn." Elizabeth ("Betsy") Head was a daughter of William B. Head. I never heard of any of that line coming to Pennsylvania before 1836, when Elizabeth's brother, John L., left Frederick County, Maryland, and came to Youngstown, Pennsylvania, and died in 1838. Elizabeth was married in 1807, and John (her brother) was married in 1818. Both marriage records of Elizabeth and John L., with dates as above taken from the Frederick Herald of Frederick County, Maryland, Elizabeth Head to James Clark, November 17, 1807, Herald issue November 17; John L. to Sophia Susannah Green, October 7, 1818, Herald issue of October 24, 1818. Elizabeth and James Clark moved

to Kentucky--I have heard Bardstown, Kentucky. Family tradition tells of Elizabeth and James having a son, James, who married Fanny Lilly. So this bears out tradition. James Alford Clark, son of James and Elizabeth Clark. Joseph Augusta Head Clark, grandson of Elizabeth and James, and children of Joseph A. H. Clark and Louise B. Willitt would be great grandchildren of the James Clark who emigrated to America from Ireland and married Elizabeth Betsy Head.

(Note by Eleanor Head Lynch)

RICHARD LEE HEAD

Deed recorded August 2, 1813, from William Beckwith Head to Peter Stitcher, witness Richard Lee Head. Was this Richard Lee Head a brother of William B. Head, a son or a nephew? Another Richard Lee Head was buried in Moravian Cemetery at Graceham--no date or age given. He was probably buried in Moravian Cemetery because it was at Graceham, Maryland. William B. Head's family lived there for some years. The Moravians numbered their dead. Richard Lee was No. 110. No. 108 died 5 May 1800 and No. 111 died 26 February 1802, so No. 110 died between those dates, 1800 and 1802.

John L. Head (son of William B. Head) named his eldest son Richard Lee. He died in childhood. They also named their youngest son Richard Lee, so the name was evidently important in the family. John L.'s son (William S. Head) also named a son of his Richard Lee.

William B. Head had a son who moved to or near St. Louis, Missouri. He died about 1833. (William B. Head died the same year.) Do not know his name, but he had a son, William A. (See letter from him under William B. Head sketch.) It would be very likely that William B. Head would name one of his sons William, though it might have been Richard Lee.

FROM "THE STORY OF THE MOUNTAIN," MT. ST. MARY'S COLLEGE AND SEMINARY, EMMITSBURG, MD.

Pg. 57, First Communion October 10, 1813, to Negro girl - at Mr. Head's - ditto to Charity, Matilda and Dinah. Convert, Betsy of the sitting room.

Pg. 190, Mechanicstown name changed to Thurmont in 1900.

Pg. 306, Moraviantown (Graceham) Creagertown, speaks of Mission established in that locality before 50's.

W I L L

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN: I William B. Head of Frederick County in the State of Maryland, being sick and weak in body but of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, considering the certainty of death, and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world, when it shall please God to call me hence, do therefore make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following, that is to say.

First and principally, I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God, and my body to the earth, to be decently buried, at the discretion of my Executor hereinafter named.

I direct my said Executor to sell and dispose of all my Estate, both real and personal (except that part herein after disposed of) either at Public or Private sale, as he may think most advantageous, and convey the same in as full and simple a manner as I myself could do.

I give and bequeath unto the heirs of my Brother Cecelius Head, late of the State of Kentuckey, the sum of Three hundred dollars, to be paid to them by my executor, at the expiration of five years after my decease.

I give and bequeath unto my sister Nancy Beall of the State of Kentuckey, the sum of Three hundred dollars, to be paid to her or her heirs, at the expiration of five years after my decease.

I give and bequeath unto the heirs of my brother Bigger Head, late of the State of Kentuckey, the sum of Three hundred dollars, to be paid to them, at the expiration of five years after my decease, by my executor.

Item. I give and bequeath unto the heirs of my sister, Elizabeth Wood, late of the State of Kentuckey, the sum of Three hundred dollars, to be paid to them, at the expiration of five years, after my decease, by my executor.

I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Ann Green, one negro girl named Harriet, now in the possession of Lewis Elder, but if the said Ann Green, should die before she arrives to the age of eighteen years, or at any time become a sister, then the said negro girl

and her heirs if any, as also her legacy hereinafter given to her, to revert to her mother the wife of Lewis Elder.

Item. I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my Estate, not herein bequeathed, to be equally divided between my son John Head, and my daughter Elizabeth Clark, each one sixth part, to my Grand son Joseph Elder one sixth part, to be paid to him when he arrives to twenty one years of age, but should the said Joseph Elder die, before he arrives to age then his share of revert to the residuary legatees, to be divided in equal proportion to each of their legacies.

To my grand daughter Ann Green one sixth part, to be paid as heretofore directed. One sixth part to Dr. Richard McSherry of the State of Virginia, in trust, for the use of my daughter Mary Gregory and the amot. if any be left in the hands of said trustee, at the death said Mary Gregory, to be distributed by him, as the said Mary may direct. One sixth part to be equally divided between the children of my daughter Ann Hobbs, late of the State of Kentucky.

Item. I hereby set free my negro woman Terreca, as also her issue, that she may have, after my death, provided she pay or cause to be paid, to my Executor the sum of One hundred dollars. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son John Head to be sole executor of this my last Will and testament, revoking and annulling all former wills by me heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this twenty sixth day of August, eighteen hundred and thirty one.

Signed, sealed, published and declared, by William B. Head, the within named Testator, as and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Wm. B. Head (SEAL)

Zebulon Kuhn
John Knouff
James Siggett

MARYLAND, FREDERICK COUNTY, TO WIT:

On the 6th day of January 1834 came Zebulon Kuhn and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that the foregoing instrument of writing, is the true whole will and testament of William B. Head, late of Frederick County, deceased; that hath come to his hands and possession, that he received the same from the Testator for safe keeping, and that he does not know of any other of a later date.

TEST: G. M. Eichelberger, R. of Wills

MARYLAND, FREDERICK COUNTY, TO WIT:

On the 6th day of January 1834, came Zebulon Kuhn, John Knouff and James Siggett, the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and testament of William B. Head, late of Frederick County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see the Testator therein named, sign and seal this will that they heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament, that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, that they subscribed their names as witnesses thereto, at the request of the Testator, and in his presence, and in the presence of each other.

TEST: G. M. Eichelberger, Regr.

C H A R T

WILLIAM HEAD (III) (1718/19-180_) m. LUCY BECKWITH (172_-180_)

WILLIAM B. HEAD, son (1747-1833) m. ANN LILLY HEAD (1756-1798)

1. ELIZABETH HEAD (d. after 1831) m. JAMES CLARK 11/17/1807

2. MARY HEAD (d. after 1831) m. (1st) JOSEPH MINGHINI 11/17/1817
(2nd) _____GREGORY

3. ANASTASIA HEAD (d. after 1831) m. (1st) SAMUEL GREEN (1788-1816)
(2nd) ALOYSIUS LEWIS ELDER 2/15/1824 (d. after 1831)
- ANN ELIZABETH GREEN
- JOSEPH ELDER

4. ANN HEAD (d. before 1831) m. HORATIO HOBBS 2/2/1816

5. JOHN L. HEAD (1795-1838) m. SOPHIA SUSANNAH GREEN 10/7/1818 (1803-1883)
- See Sketch attached.

6. BENEDICT HEAD (d. 1/21/1804) single Buried in St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Frederick, Md.

* 7. _____HEAD (son) (d. before Sept. 1833) m. _____
- WILLIAM A. HEAD (b. 1805/6) m. _____
  - GEORGE HEAD (b. 1828)
  - MARGARET HEAD (b. 1830)
  - WILLIAM B. HEAD (b. 1832) Named for his great grandfather
  - LINTON HEAD (b. 1834)

* Existence of this son revealed by letter of WILLIAM A. HEAD (grandson of WILLIAM B. HEAD) of Fenton, Missouri, written in 1836 to JOHN L. HEAD, who is addressed as "Dear Uncle". This letter being in the possession of Eleanor

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JOHN L. HEAD
(1795-1838)

Son of WILLIAM B. (BECKWITH) HEAD and ANN HEAD

He was born in Frederick County, Maryland. According to records of Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md., he attended that School between April 1, 1809 and September 7, 1811, although there is no departure date given. (Ledger 1:86 Roster A2:2)

From letters addressed to him, we learn that he was living in Creagerstown, Md. in 1811 and that in 1830 he was living on a farm near Graceham, Md. Thus, it is apparent that like his father he engaged in agricultural pursuits.

He was a Whig in the early part of the last century but became a Democrat in the first Jackson campaign. John L. Head was a Roman Catholic - his mother being of that Faith. His father was an Episcopalian, according to the family history, although he became a Catholic in later life.

On October 7, 1818 he was united in marriage with Sophia Susannah Green, who was born in Emmitsburg, Md. in 1803, the daughter of Samuel Green and Susan Elder Wrench Green. The Frederick Herald of October 24, 1818 carried the item of this marriage which took place at Mount St. Mary's Chapel - the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. Dubois.

Family letters indicate that when the slavery question became acute in the border states, John L. Head decided to free his slaves and come north. In 1836 John and Sophia left the farm in Maryland and came to Youngstown, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. According to the story handed down in the family, they had intended going to Kentucky (where John's two brothers and two sisters had settled), but were influenced by the apparent prosperity of Western Pennsylvania to settle in Youngstown, Pennsylvania, then a thriving town on the Turnpike.

From letters addressed to "John L. Head, Merchant," Youngstown, Pennsylvania, we learn that he was engaged in that business in Youngstown. Court records, in connection with the administration of his estate, show conclusively that at the time of his death he was the owner of a general store, where articles of all kinds were sold, and that he was also the owner of a tavern and a blacksmith shop.

John and Sophia had eight children, viz: - Richard Lee (who died in Maryland before the family moved to Pennsylvania), William

Samuel, John H. Head, Jr., Joseph A., Anna, Sarah, Richard Lee (who was presumably named for his deceased brother), and _____.

John L. Head died in Youngstown, Pa. on May 25, 1838. The Record Book of St. Vincent's Arch Abbey discloses the following notation as part of the notice of his death:

> "Vir bonus et amabilis pie obiit, et in cemeterio sepultux est., aetatis circiter 43 annos."[1]
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> "which (in the words of the Abbot) was quite a tribute given by the Rev. J. A. Stillinger."

A few years after the death of John L. Head, his widow, Sophia, moved to Latrobe, Pa. to live with her son, William Samuel, where she remained until her death in 1883 at the age of eighty. She was buried in the old Cemetery adjoining the Catholic Church in Latrobe, Pa. Later, when St. Mary's Cemetery near Latrobe, Pa. was completed, John and Sophia were interred there as well as six of their children. The obituary notice of Sophia S. Head, which appeared in the Latrobe Advance, read in part as follows: - "Grandmother Head, as she was frequently called, was a resident of Westmoreland County, Pa. for 47 years. She was born in Emmitsburg, Md., being directly descended from the old stock of English who settled Maryland under Lord Baltimore. Her family name was Green. She attended St. Joseph's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md. conducted by the Sisters of Charity, when Mother Seton was in charge."

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[1] A good and lovable man died piously and was buried in the cemetery - aged about 43.

WILLIAM B. (BECKWITH) HEAD — m. ANN LILLY (1756-1798)
(1747-1833)

JOHN L. HEAD, son, — m. SOPHIA SUSANNAH GREEN (1803-1883)
(1795-1838)

Buried in Mountain Cemetery, Emmitsburg, Md.

1. RICHARD LEE HEAD
(1820-1835)

2. WILLIAM SAMUEL HEAD — m. SARAH COULTER HEAD (1828-1907)
(1823-1896)
See Sketch for children, etc.

3. ANNA G. HEAD — m. 1st DR. TERRENCE J. CANTWELL in 1847 (d. 5/1/1871)
(1828-1870) — 2nd THOMAS KIRK

JAMES R. CANTWELL
(1850-1871)

MARY CANTWELL — m. WILLIAM GEIS
(1848-

AGNES GEIS

ROSEMARY GEIS — m. _____ KEFFER
1 daughter — Entered Catholic Dominican Order as Sister Rosemary.

ANNA IRENE CANTWELL — Entered Catholic Religious Order of Sisters of Mercy as Sister Annina.
(1852-1933)

CATHARINE CANTWELL — m. JULIUS LOW
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IRENE LOW
RICHARD LOW
CATHARINE LOW

WILLIAM KIRK

4. JOHN H. HEAD, JR., (1829-1848) — single

5. JOSEPH A. HEAD (1830-1875) — m. KATE FENLON (d. 1867)

MARY SOPHIA FENLON (1852-1861)

6. _____ HEAD — Name unknown

7. SARAH HEAD (1836-1861) — m. THOMAS WESTCOTT

NINA WESTCOTT (1857-1943) — m. WILLIAM SWEENEY

1 son died in infancy

ELIZABETH (BESSIE) WESTCOTT — Entered Sisters of Mercy, a Catholic Religious Order, as Sister Beatrice.

WILLIAM GRANT WESTCOTT (1860-1939) — single

8. RICHARD LEE HEAD (1838-1927) — m. CATHARINE KEFFER (1852-1932)

COPY OF WILL OF ROBERT WRENCH

In the name of God, Amen, I, Robert Wrench of Emitsburg Frederick County and State of Maryland, being weak of body but of sound mind and memory do make and constitute this my last Will and testament hereby revoking and disannulling all former Wills by me made,

First, I Will, bequeath and devise to my dearly beloved wife Susanah Wrench my Dwelling house and lot with all other real and personal Estate whatsoever as well in America as in Europe and also all debts due and owing to me.

Secondly, My Will is, that my funeral expences be paid out of my personal Estate by my said wife whom I do hereby nominate, Constitute and appoint my Sole Executrix of this my last Will and testament to see the same duly performed, and it is my Will that all my lawful debts be paid and discharged by my said Executrix with all convenient speed after my decease. Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared as his last Will and Testament by the Testator in the presence of us this Sixteenth day of February in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and ninety five.

John Buchanan	)	Robert Wrench (Seal)
	)	
James Hughes	)	
	)	
Danl. Coghlan	)	

State of Maryland Frederick County to wit:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Copy from the Original as filed and Recorded in the Office of the Regr. of Wills for the County aforesaid.

In Testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix the Seal of Office this 23rd day of March, 1841.

Test. by M. Eichelberger, Regr. of Wills for
Frederick County, Maryland.

NOTE: ROBERT WRENCH, whose Will is above recited, was the first husband of SUSAN ELDER. After the death of ROBERT WRENCH, his widow, SUSAN ELDER WRENCH, married SAMUEL GREEN and they were the parents of SOPHIA SUSANNAH GREEN (who married JOHN L. HEAD) and SAMUEL GREEN (JR.) who married ANASTASIA HEAD, sister of JOHN L. HEAD.

WILLIAM SAMUEL HEAD (1823-1896) — Son of JOHN L. HEAD and SOPHIA SUSANNAH GREEN HEAD.

He was born in Frederick County, Md., August, 1823. When thirteen years of age he came to Youngstown, Westmoreland County, Pa., as a member of his father's family.

He attended the country schools in his youth and, on the death of his father in 1838, began clerking in the store of William Anderson in the then thriving turnpike village of Youngstown. In a short time he became a partner with Mr. Anderson, and still later continued in the business alone in the same town.

In 1852, when the Pennsylvania Railroad was completed as far West as Pittsburgh, Pa., the turnpike business was practically abandoned and drawn to the new line of transportation. Mr. Head removed at once to the newly established station at Latrobe and in April of that year he was appointed as the first station agent at Latrobe. This position he held for five years, when he retired therefrom.

Mr. Head erected the first brick building in Latrobe and was soon extensively engaged in the mercantile business until about 1873. At that time, in company with his brother, Joseph, he opened a private bank in Latrobe and, upon the death of his brother in 1875, his son, John B. Head, became his partner in the Bank under the firm name of W. S. Head & Son. Subsequently, John B. Head retired from the banking business and took up the Law, whereupon his brother, Joseph C. Head, succeeded him. Business was continued until January, 1888, when the First National Bank was organized. William Samuel Head was made President of the new Bank, which position he filled with signal ability to his death.

On February 15, 1848 he was united in marriage with Sarah Coulter, who was born in Everett, Bedford County, Pa. in 1828. She was the daughter of Joseph and Mary Wilson Coulter, the Coulters having come from Cumberland County, they were of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Mr. and Mrs. Head were the parents of ten children, viz: Emma, Anna, Mary, John Benedict, Joseph Coulter, William S., Jr., Richard Lee, Raymond, Harriet and Julia.

Like his father, William Samuel Head was a Democrat in Politics and a Roman Catholic in Religion. He was most noted for his Christian character, his high integrity and his clear discernment of business matters. Because of these attributes, he became one of the prominent citizens of his community and was properly regarded as one

of the leading bankers and business men of the county. He died in Latrobe, Pa., February 7, 1896 and was buried in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Latrobe. His wife, Sarah Coulter Head, who died in 1907, is also buried there as are seven of their children. William Jr. is buried in Palestine, Texas, where he previously lived. Harriet, who entered the Benedictine Order and was known as Sister Gertrude, is buried in Bristow, Virginia. The money she inherited from her father was used to build St. Gertrude's Convent in Richmond, Virginia, and Chapel in Bristow, Virginia, in memory of her father and mother. Julia entered the Order of the Sisters of Mercy and was known as Sister Ligoria. Her inheritance was used, too, for the good of the Order of which she was a member, and she is buried in St. Xavier Convent Cemetery, Latrobe, Pa.

JOHN L. HEAD
(1795-1838) m. SOPHIA SUSANNAH GREEN
(1803-1883)

WILLIAM SAMUEL HEAD, son m. SARAH COULTER
(1823-1896) (1828-1907)

1. MARY HEAD m. WILLIAM A. JOHNSTON
(1849-1941) (1844-1928)

EDWARD JOHNSTON single Deceased.

ALICE JOHNSTON Entered Catholic Benedictine Order and was known as Sister Agnes.

GERTRUDE JOHNSTON Entered Catholic Benedictine Order and is known as Sister Inez.

MARIE JOHNSTON m. JOHN H. ROCK
(b. 1878) (1874-1946)

MIRIAM ROCK m. CLARENCE MURRIN
(b. 1901)

MARIE ESTELLE MURRIN (b. 1931) and SARAH HEAD MURRIN (b. 1935)

WILLIAM EDWARD ROCK Died in infancy.

ALICE JOHNSTON ROCK m. JOHN A. KEILY
(b. 1908)

MIRIAM AGNES KEILY (b. 1933) SUSANNE KEILY (b. 1935), JOHN A. KEILY, JR. (b. 1936), TIMOTHY KEILY (b. 1938), ALICE KEILY (b. 1940) and MICHAEL KEILY (b. 1952)

JOHN H. ROCK, JR. m. KATHARINE (KATE) HOOD
(b. 1910)

Served in U.S. Army ENGINEER CORPS. - World War II.

JOHN H. ROCK III

WALTON MILLER ROCK m. BETTY MILLS
(born 1915)

Major in Marine Corps - World War II

ANNE ROCK (b. 1944) and STEPHEN ROCK (b. 1949)

MARY HEAD ROCK m. CAPTAIN CHARLES WILLIAM KIDD
(born 1921)

MARY JO KIDD (b. 1945), CHARLES WILLIAM KIDD, JR. (b. 1947), JOHN KIDD (b. 1948), SYLVIA KIDD (b. 1949) and WILLIAM KIDD (b. 1955)

2. EMMA HEAD Died in infancy
(1851-1854)

3.	ANNA HEAD (1853-1854)		Died in infancy
4.	JOHN BENEDICT HEAD (1855-1925) See Sketch for children, etc.	m.	NAOMI TIERNAN JONES (1857-1951)
5.	JOSEPH COULTER HEAD (1858-1938) See Sketch for children, etc.	m.	ELLEN (ELLA) SHOWALTER (1860-1955)
6.	WILLIAM SAMUEL HEAD, JR. (1860-1940)	m.	THERESA LIMEGROVER (1860-1937)
	FLAVIA HEAD	m.	CLIFFORD YOUNG
	ADRIAN YOUNG		
	ARTHUR HEAD (No issue)	m.	
	JULIUS HEAD (No issue)	m.	_____
	CATHARINE HEAD		Died in infancy
	WALTER HEAD	single	Deceased
	MARY THERESA HEAD	m.	_____ MILLER
	EUGENIA MILLER	m.	CHARLES HOWELL
	MARY DELL HOWELL, CHARLES HOWELL, JR., SUE ELLEN HOWELL and JUDY HOWELL.		
	CAMILLA HEAD	m.	R. H. LEWIS
7.	RICHARD LEE HEAD (1862-1933)		
8.	RAYMOND HEAD (1868-1924)	m.	GERTRUDE BRANNOCK (1871-1930)
	HILDA HEAD	m.	EDWARD KERN (1892-1950)
	RAYMOND HEAD KERN		
	COLLETTE HEAD	m.	THOMAS CONNOR
	MARION CONNOR	m.	ROBERT SHAUB
	COLLETTE SHAUB		
	THOMAS CONNOR, JR.	single	
9.	HARRIET HEAD		Entered Catholic Benedictine Order and was known as Sister Gertrude.
10.	JULIA HEAD		Entered Catholic Order of Sisters of Mercy and was known as Sister Ligoria.

OBITUARY OF MARY WILSON COULTER

"Thou shalt come to thy grave in the full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in his season," may be written over the grave of one, favorably known among us, and familiarly called "Grandma Coulter," who died at the residence of her son-in-law, William Head, Esq., on Sabbath morning, February 26th, 1882, and whom we laid away on the following Monday in the beautiful cemetery at Unity, to await the morning of the resurrection.

"Mrs. Coulter, whose maiden name was Mary Wilson, was born in York County, Pa., March 1st, 1794, and died at the advanced age of 88 years, lacking four days. She was united in marriage to Joseph Coulter, in Cumberland County, Pa., September 24, 1816.

"As the fruit of this union there were born to them eight children, four sons and four daughters, six of whom she raised, but of whom only two survive her, viz: George Milton Coulter, of California, and Mrs. Wm. Head, of Latrobe. She was for very many years a member of the Unity Presbytierian Church, but transferred her membership to the Latrobe Presbyterian Church at the time of its organization, some 13 years ago, where she continued her membership until the time of her death. She was a staunch Presbyterian and strongly attached to her own church. She loved the House of God and in her declining years, as long as she was able, by the help of her cane and an assistant, to walk into the sanctuary, her place there was seldom vacant. She lived in widowhood for over 38 years, her husband having died August 12, 1843.

"The most of her life, after her marriage, was spent in Westmoreland County where her memory is tenderly cherished by many of the older citizens who knew her longest and best. She possessed a remarkably vigorous constitution and enjoyed almost uninterrupted health. She always had a pleasant smile and a cheerful word for everybody and carried in her bosom a merry heart which the Scriptures say 'doeth good like medicine.'

"Her grey hair and robust body and cheery countenance and universally amiable disposition all combined to make her beautiful and lovely in old age. She was distinguished all thru life for her deeds of charity, her genuine kindness of heart and her guileless spirit; and there are many among her friends and acquaintances who are ready to rise up and called her blessed.

"She lived a patient uncomplaining cheerful helpful life and her end was peace.

"For many years she lived in the family of William Head, Esq., where she enjoyed the ministrations of love at the hand of her only surviving daughter and occupied a large place in the hearts of all the members of the family.

"For months she had been gradually and slowly declining under the infirmities of age; and finally when nature ceased to perform its functions, her spirit passed out of the body on the date above written."

T.B.A.

JOHN BENEDICT HEAD
(1855-1925)

Son of WILLIAM SAMUEL HEAD
and SARAH COULTER HEAD.

He was born at Latrobe, Pa. on April 4, 1855. He attended the Parochial Schools until thirteen years of age, when he entered Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Md., from which institution he was graduated in 1873. After graduation he entered the banking house conducted by his father and uncle and, upon the death of the latter in 1875 he became a partner in that Bank which was then known as W. S. Head & Son.

On May 2, 1877 he was united in marriage with Naomi Jones, daughter of Morris and Margaret Tiernan Jones of Latrobe, Pa., formerly of Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Head were the parents of six children, viz: Morris, Paul Jones, Stella, John Benedict, Jr., Elizabeth and Sarah. Shortly after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Head moved to Greensburg, Pa.

In 1878 Mr. Head left the banking firm and began to read law in the office of A. A. Stewart, Esq. of Greensburg, Pa. and was admitted to the Westmoreland County Bar in August of 1880. Immediately upon his admission he formed a partnership with the Hon. H. P. Laird and after the dissolution of that firm, he became a partner with James S. Moorhead, Esq.

> "His ability was soon recognized and the new firm at once took a leadership in the most important litigation of the county. John Benedict Head was gifted by nature with quick wit and keen perception. As a public speaker he had few equals and his services as an advocate were eagerly sought. Whether addressing the Court below and jury of his countrymen or the Appellate Courts, he spoke with equal readiness and potency. In the clearness of his statements, in the logical deductions of his arguments, and in the fluency and purity of his diction, he has been surpassed by no lawyer in Western Pennsylvania. He will go down in history as one of the most brilliant and distinguished lawyers of Westmoreland County."[1]

In 1905 he was nominated by the Democratic State Convention at Harrisburg as a candidate for a position on the Superior Court Bench and, although he belonged to the minority party, he was duly elected. He served with such distinction in that position, that he was re-elected in 1915. It was the consensus of opinion, among those who knew him, that he

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[1]Memorial of Westmoreland Bar Association.

possessed the qualifications to fill this high position and was an eminent jurist. Ill health forced his retirement from the Superior Court Bench in 1922.

Judge Head died December 11, 1925 after an illness of long duration, and was buried in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Latrobe, Pa.

Probably the most enduring monument to the late Justice consists of his opinions which were written and handed down, and which have become gems of legal lore that will endure through the years.

C H A R T

WILLIAM SAMUEL HEAD (1823-1896) — m. SARAH COULTER (1828-1907)

- JOHN BENEDICT HEAD, son, (1855-1925) — m. NAOMI TIERNAN JONES (1857-1951)
  - 1. MORRIS HEAD (1878-1917) — m. ROSE ZIMMERMAN (d. 1957)
    - DOROTHY HEAD — m. LEWIS LAWLOR (deceased)
      - ANTHONY (TONY) LAWLOR
    - ROSEMARY HEAD — m. GEORGE THIERY SASSEEN
      - PATRICIA SASSEEN VAN CLEVE, ROSEMARY SASSEEN SHEA, SHIELA and GEORGE T. SASSEEN, JR.
    - STELLA HEAD — m. _____BELL
      - CHARLES, RICHARD, BRUCE, DOUGLAS, CONSTANCE and GWENDOLYN BELL
    - MARGARET HEAD — m. WILLIAM STEWART
      - DIANA STEWART, CYNTHIA STEWART and MARGARET TIERNAN STEWART
    - JOHN BENEDICT HEAD — m. EDNA SPELLMAN
      - ROSEMARIE HEAD and MARILYN HEAD
    - MORRIS WILLIAM HEAD — m. 1st PATRICIA _____(dec'd.)
    - ELLEN HEAD — m. THEODORE GILLIGAN
      - SUSAN, MARGARET, SANDRA and RONALD GILLIGAN
    - JOSEPH COULTER HEAD II — m. FLORENCE BOWEN
      - MARY ELLA, ELIZABETH, CECELIA, PATRICIA and JOSEPH COULTER HEAD III *
  - 2. PAUL JONES HEAD (1880-1925) — single World War I.

3. STELLA HEAD (1881-1920) — m. HENRY W. COULTER, Spanish American War and World War I
- RICHARD COULTER, dec'd.
- JOHN COULTER — m. LUCIA MANNESCHIMDT
  - LUCIA and JOAN COULTER
- STELLA COULTER — m. _____ DURRANCE
- HENRY COULTER, JR. — m. _____

4. JOHN BENEDICT HEAD, JR. (1885-1891)

5. ELIZABETH HEAD (b. 1890) — m. RALPH E. JAMISON (d. 1956)
- ELIZABETH JAMISON — m. DALBY MARSH
  - MARGARET, DALBY, JR., BARBARA, JUDITH, RALPH and ELIZABETH MARSH
- RALPH E. JAMISON, JR. World War II. — m. RACHEL DOM
- MARIAN JAMISON — m. BENJAMAN H. LONGAKER, World War II.
  - 2 children
- WILLIAM JAMISON World War II.

6. SARAH HEAD (1895-1945) — m. DONALD WARREN, U.S.N. - World War I.
- DONALD WARREN, JR. - World War II.
- NAOMI WARREN — m. JAMES P. DOANE World War II.
  - CHRISTOPHER DOANE
  - SALLY DOANE

* At this time only male descendant to carry on the name of "Head".

JOSEPH COULTER HEAD
(1858-1938)

Son of WILLIAM SAMUEL HEAD
and SARAH COULTER HEAD.

Joseph Coulter Head was born in Latrobe, Pa., January 31, 1858. He attended the parochial schools and graduated from St. Vincent College, Latrobe, Pa., from which he later received an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, "thus honoring a man who had through the years been a good and loyal friend of the College."

After graduation he entered the banking firm of W. S. Head & Son, which had been established by his father, his brother, John Benedict Head, who was a partner in the firm, having decided to take up the practice of law. Upon the consolidation of that banking firm and the Citizens Banking Co. in 1888, he became the Cashier of the new institution, known as The First National Bank of Latrobe and continued in that capacity until he became the President some years later.

While banking was his principal business interest throughout his life, Mr. Head was active as a stockholder, director and/or officer in numerous manufacturing, mining and public utility corporations. He was President of the Fort Ligonier Coal Company, Latrobe Electric Light Company and Combination Bridge Company of Sioux City, Iowa; and Secretary-Treasurer of the Latrobe Street Railway Company. According to Jordan's History of Westmoreland County, the Latrobe Steel Company, one of the largest manufacturers of locomotive steel tires in the United States, was induced to locate in Latrobe largely through Mr. Head's influence. It was through his ability and efforts that the Latrobe Trust Company was organized and opened. In 1906 Mr. Head became its President. He was largely instrumental in promoting the growth of Latrobe and aided materially in the development of various other industrial enterprises.

On October 30, 1889 he was married to Ellen (Ella) Showalter, daughter of William A. and Cecilia Burgoon Showalter. Mr. and Mrs. Head were the parents of four children, viz: Eleanor, who married Clay Frick Lynch, of Greensburg, Pa.; Dorothy, who died as a child; Marion, who married Ralph Howard Knode of Philadelphia, Pa.; and Cecilia, who married Roger Emmett Loughney, of Pittsburgh, Pa. The Head family lived in Latrobe until 1912, when they moved to their new residence, known as Melrose Farm, located on the Lincoln Highway near Greensburg, Pa.

Like his father and grandfather before him, Mr. Head was a Catholic and a Democrat.

When he retired as President of The First National Bank of Latrobe, after completing 60 years of service as a banker, the Directors of that institution, in an open letter, paid him the following tribute:

> "What you have done for our present day banking institutions and for the community is a history in itself, reflecting results most complimentary to any one man. We, as members of your Board and as friends, extend to you our appreciation for the many years of association and guidance. * * * "

Mr. Head died September 12, 1938 at his home after a long illness, at the age of eighty, and was buried in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Latrobe, Pa.

His widow continued to live at Melrose Farm until her death, October 28, 1955. She is buried in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Latrobe, Pa.

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WILLIAM SAMUEL HEAD (1823-1890) — m. SARAH COULTER (1822-1877)

- JOSEPH COULTER HEAD, son, (1858-1938) — m. ELLEN (ELLA) SHOWALTER (1860-1955) daughter of William and Cecelia Burgoon Showalter.
  - 1. MARY ELEANOR HEAD (b. 8/19/1890) — m. CLAY FRICK LYNCH (b. 11/12/1880) son of Thomas and Sarah Agnes McKenna Lynch, of Greensburg, Pa.
    - No issue.
  - 2. DOROTHY HEAD (1892-1896)
  - 3. MARION CATHARINE HEAD (b. Sept. 1894) — m. RALPH HOWARD KNODE (b. 1893) son of John T. and Margaret Thompson Knode, of Frederick Md. - World War I
    - RALPH HOWARD KNODE, JR. (b. 1927) U. S. Air Force, Korean War — m. JUDITH O'NEIL (b. 1932)
      - RALPH H. KNODE III (b. 1956)
    - MARY ELLEN KNODE (b. 1929) — m. RICHARD ANTHONY BETHELL (b. 1922) Royal Air Force of England - World War II.
      - RALPH A. BETHELL (b. 1955)
      - GUY A. BETHELL (b. 1956) (Died in infancy.)
      - JAMES McINTOSH BETHELL (b. 1957)
  - 4. CECILIA DOROTHY HEAD (b. 8/10/1896) — m. ROGER EMMETT LOUGHNEY (b. 6/13/1885) son of Patrick J. and Mary Devlin Loughney, of Pittsburgh, Pa.
    - ROGER EMMETT LOUGHNEY (b. 3/3/1921) U. S. Army - World War II.
    - JOSEPH HEAD LOUGHNEY (b. 8/21/1923) — m. _____ U. S. Army - World War II
      - PATRICK J. LOUGHNEY
      - ELLEN HEAD LOUGHNEY

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